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<u>Cuts in Compromise Bill Will Be Painful But</u> Critical Investments Have Been Preserved – Rep. Dicks

WASHINGTON- U.S. Rep. Norm Dicks, ranking Democratic Member of the House Appropriations Committee, delivered the following statement during debate today on H.R. 1473, the agreement reached to fund the government through the remainder of the current fiscal year:

"It would have been irresponsible and unnecessary for us to allow our partisan differences to result in the chaos of a government shutdown. I said repeatedly that it would be the worst possible outcome, especially at a time when we are at war and when our economy is still fragile.

"But at the eleventh hour, an agreement was reached last week, and as a result, families had their mortgage applications approved on time; small business loans were not delayed; people could visit our national parks and museums as they had planned and hundreds of thousands of Americans got their paychecks on time – including our brave men and women in uniform.

"The defense title of the bill is \$17 billion below the President's request but it is \$5 billion above last year's enacted level. This bill fully funds personnel requirements, including training and health care, and DOD's expressed contingency needs.

"As with any compromise, the path to H.R. 1473 required all sides to sacrifice on issues important to them. There are many funding decisions reflected in this bill that are not to my liking such as cuts to High Speed Rail, Workforce Investment Act job training, literacy programs and FEMA State and Local Grants. These cuts are certainly painful, but I am satisfied that critical investments have been preserved.

"I am pleased that the bill that is now before us maintains current levels of Head Start enrollment, including the increased spots for newborn-to-2 year- olds. It maintains the Pell Grant maximum award for college students. It also largely preserves Community Services Block grants which address the education, health, nutrition, housing and employment needs of the poor and elderly in communities around the nation.

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Below is a comparison of the GOP Budget (H.R.1) and the Budget Agreement (H.R.1473) voted on today:

LEGISLATIVE RIDERS

Riders in GOP BUDGET (H.R.1)

NOT INCLUDED in H.R. 1473

Riders

Included in Budget Agreement (H.R. 1473)

Attempt to defund Planned Parenthood.

Attempt to defund NPR and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Food Safety and Inspection Service is funded at \$1.0 billion; \$10 million below the FY10 enacted level a

Norm Dicks' Statement on Passage of Budget Agreement, H.R.1473

Would have been cut by 1.2 billion below the President's FY11 request and \$410 million below the enaction
NOAA is funded at \$4.6 billion; \$140 million below the enacted level and \$245 million above HR1.
Community Services Block Grants (CSBG)
Would have been cut by \$305 million below the enacted level.
Community Services Block grants are funded at \$680 million; \$20 million below the enacted level and \$3
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